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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 20, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The apparatus of the present invention has been developed in response to the present state of the art, and in particular, in response to the problems and needs in the art that have not yet been fully solved by currently available airbag module designs. Thus, it is an overall objective of the present invention to provide an airbag module that is capable of substantially maintaining the Z-height of an airbag placement volume in tensile and compressive loads that can also be manufactured~~ed~~ by a single-step metal stamping process.